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SUBJECT: CONSERVATIVE PARTY AFFAIRS

1. POLOFFS WERE VISITED BY FERNANDO ZELAYA ROJAS, TREASURER OF THE OFFICIAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND SECOND SECRETARY OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, ZELAYA SAID THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE OASGA AS PART OF THE GON'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION. AS HE FEARED THAT THE PRESENCE OF AN OPPOSITION MEMBER IN THE DELEGATION WOULD BE USED BY THE GON FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES, ZELAYA SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO INFORM AMBASSADOR MACHIN OF VENEZUELA TO SEE IF SOME WAY COULD BE ARRANGED TO ALLOW HIM (ZELAYA) TO SPEAK AT THE OASGA.

2. ZELAYA SAID THAT THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO STAGE A WALKOUT OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONGRESS IF SOMOZA ATTENDED. ZELAYA SAID HE WISHED THAT THE CONSERVATIVES COULD RESPOND TO SOMOZA'S SPEECH BEFOREHAND SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO ATTEND.

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3. ON THE SUBJECT OF REUNIFYING THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, ZELAYA SAID THAT RECENTLY LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS HAD BEEN INDICATING THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG CONSERVATIVE PARTY. RECENTLY, FORMIN QUINANA, DR. RENE SANDINO (PRESIDENT OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY) AND EDMUNDO PAGUAGA (PAST PRESIDENT OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY) HAD SPOKEN AND QUINTANA HAD SAID THAT "THIS IS THE DECISIVE MOMENT FOR THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY. I SAY THIS AS A LIBERAL, YOU MUST UNITE, WE NEED

A STRONG CONSERVATIVE PARTY."

4. COMMENT: CONSERVATIVE ALL AGREE THAT REUNIFICATION IS NECESSARY, BUT ARE HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING STARTED. THE CONVERSATION WITH QUINTANA INDICATES AN AWARENESS ON THE PART OF SOME LIBERALS OF THE NEED FOR A VIABLE OPPOSITION WHICH CAN OFFER A PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE WITHIN THE EXISTING SYSTEM.

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